

HB3135



99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB3135

by Rep. Grant Wehrli

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

110 ILCS 805/3-7

from Ch. 122, par. 103-7

Amends the Public Community College Act. Provides that members of the board of trustees of a community college district elected in 2017 shall be elected to serve a 2-year term and members elected in 2019 and thereafter shall be elected to serve 4-year terms (rather than members being elected to serve 6-year terms). Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Public Community College Act is amended by
5 changing Section 3-7 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 805/3-7) (from Ch. 122, par. 103-7)

7 Sec. 3-7. (a) The election of the members of the board of
8 trustees shall be nonpartisan and shall be held at the time and
9 in the manner provided in the general election law.

10 (b) Unless otherwise provided in this Act, members shall be
11 elected to serve 6 year terms. However, members elected in 2017
12 shall be elected to serve a 2-year term and members elected in
13 2019 and thereafter shall be elected to serve 4-year terms. The
14 term of members elected in 1985 and thereafter shall be from
15 the date the member is officially determined to be elected to
16 the board by a canvass conducted pursuant to the Election Code,
17 to the date that the winner of the seat is officially
18 determined by the canvass conducted pursuant to the Election
19 Code the next time the seat on the board is to be filled by
20 election.

21 (c) Each member must on the date of his election be a
22 citizen of the United States, of the age of 18 years or over,
23 and a resident of the State and the territory which on the date

1 of the election is included in the community college district
2 for at least one year immediately preceding his election. In
3 Community College District No. 526, each member elected at the
4 consolidated election in 2005 or thereafter must also be a
5 resident of the trustee district he or she represents for at
6 least one year immediately preceding his or her election,
7 except that in the first consolidated election for each trustee
8 district following reapportionment, a candidate for the board
9 may be elected from any trustee district that contains a part
10 of the trustee district in which he or she resided at the time
11 of the reapportionment and may be reelected if a resident of
12 the new trustee district he or she represents for one year
13 prior to reelection. In the event a person who is a member of a
14 common school board is elected or appointed to a board of
15 trustees of a community college district, that person shall be
16 permitted to serve the remainder of his or her term of office
17 as a member of the common school board. Upon the expiration of
18 the common school board term, that person shall not be eligible
19 for election or appointment to a common school board during the
20 term of office with the community college district board of
21 trustees.

22 (d) Whenever a vacancy occurs, the remaining members shall
23 fill the vacancy, and the person so appointed shall serve until
24 a successor is elected at the next regular election for board
25 members and is certified in accordance with Sections 22-17 and
26 22-18 of the Election Code. If the remaining members fail so to

1 act within 60 days after the vacancy occurs, the chairman of
2 the State Board shall fill that vacancy, and the person so
3 appointed shall serve until a successor is elected at the next
4 regular election for board members and is certified in
5 accordance with Sections 22-17 and 22-18 of the Election Code.
6 The person appointed to fill the vacancy shall have the same
7 residential qualifications as his predecessor in office was
8 required to have. In either instance, if the vacancy occurs
9 with less than 4 months remaining before the next scheduled
10 consolidated election, and the term of office of the board
11 member vacating the position is not scheduled to expire at that
12 election, then the term of the person so appointed shall extend
13 through that election and until the succeeding consolidated
14 election. If the term of office of the board member vacating
15 the position is scheduled to expire at the upcoming
16 consolidated election, the appointed member shall serve only
17 until a successor is elected and qualified at that election.

18 (e) Members of the board shall serve without compensation
19 but shall be reimbursed for their reasonable expenses incurred
20 in connection with their service as members. Compensation, for
21 purposes of this Section, means any salary or other benefits
22 not expressly authorized by this Act to be provided or paid to,
23 for or on behalf of members of the board. The board of each
24 community college district may adopt a policy providing for the
25 issuance of bank credit cards, for use by any board member who
26 requests the same in writing and agrees to use the card only

1 for the reasonable expenses which he or she incurs in
2 connection with his or her service as a board member. Expenses
3 charged to such credit cards shall be accounted for separately
4 and shall be submitted to the chief financial officer of the
5 district for review prior to being reported to the board at its
6 next regular meeting.

7 (f) Except in an election of the initial board for a new
8 community college district created pursuant to Section 6-6.1,
9 the ballot for the election of members of the board for a
10 community college district shall indicate the length of term
11 for each office to be filled. In the election of a board for
12 any community college district, the ballot shall not contain
13 any political party designation.

14 (Source: P.A. 97-539, eff. 8-23-11.)

15 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
16 becoming law.